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Dear Dr. Schäfler:

Thank you for your letter just received.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, may I refer you to a paper by S. Banic (Banic, S. 1958. Isolation of  $lac^+$  mutants from a  $lac^-$  strain of Escherichia coli, by the replica plating technique. J. gen. Microbiol. 18, 586-590.). Dr. Banic's address is: Institute of Microbiology, Medical Faculty, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. While Dr. Banic has not carried out precisely the protocol you indicated, there should be no difficulty in extending his experiment by observing the induction of  $\beta$ -galactosidase with melibiose in the strain which Dr. Banic has selected in the absence of lactose.

Yours cordially,

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